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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission/Office of Zoning
Suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Case No. 02-17 (PUD and Map Amendment @ Square 1663,
Lot 805 and a Portion of Lot 7-5401 Western Avenue, NW)**

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing on behalf of the Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center to request status as a party in the above referenced case.

In accordance with the provisions of 11 DCMR 3022.3, I am providing the following information in connection with our request:

1. Interested Party:
***Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center
5310 43rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20015***
2. Party Representation:
The Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center ("Children's Center") is a non-profit corporation licensed in the District of Columbia and will be represented by its Executive Director and President of the Board of Directors in support of the above referenced case.
3. Witnesses to Appear on Behalf of Interested Party:
Lisa Danahy, Executive Director
Courtney Hyde, President, Board of Directors
4. The Children's Center is a tenant that occupies space as an amenity pursuant to Zoning Order 519 in Square 1661 which is located within one block of the proposed PUD and as a result will be directly impacted by traffic generated by the PUD. Additionally, the Children's Center has been suggested as the operator of the child care component within this PUD.

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5. The Children's Center has provided community input for the ANC and local residents as a member of the initial task force formed to evaluate the PUD and in consultation with the Applicant (Stonebridge Associates) regarding the child care component of the PUD.
6. The Children's Center has actively supported and contributed to the success of the ANC 3E community since 1989 and we believe that we can provide valuable information to the Office of Zoning in regard to the child care component, as well as the impact of the PUD on the neighborhood.
7. The Children's Center believes that the proposed child care amenity in this PUD is of tremendous value to the community in an area overwhelmed by a shortage of quality child care. As a non-profit organization, created as an amenity pursuant to Zoning Order 519, the Children's Center has aided the growth and prosperity of Ward 3 and has demonstrated the value such an amenity can provide within a community.
8. Approval of this PUD application would offer the public access to housing and child care resources that are critically lacking in Ward 3. Approval would also provide much needed traffic mitigation measures, despite the apparent absence of a traffic burden generated from the PUD itself. Furthermore, denial of this application would adversely impact the expansion efforts of the Children's Center, which is prepared to provide the child care services in the space proposed in the PUD. There are almost 100 families registered on the Children's Center waitlist who will face further delays in enrollment and could possibly lose access to valuable services if this proposal is denied.
9. Although the Children's Center views this PUD as an opportunity to enhance our ability to provide child care services within the community, we believe the proposal is a benefit to the community as a whole. As a non-profit organization committed to educating children locally, our primary objective is not personal; rather, we support this project as a means by which we can secure a greater benefit for the community at large.

Thank you in advance for considering our request to become a party in the above referenced proceeding. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-244-1402.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Lisa B. Danahy
Executive Director

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cc: Jill Diskan, Chair, ANC 3E
Doug Firstenberg, Stonebridge Associates
Ellen McCarthy, Office of Planning
Kathy Patterson, Ward 3